



Town of Blades  
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July 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Town Council Meeting  
Hardin Hall

Present: Mayor Michael J Smith, Vice-Mayor Russell Joseph, Councilman Robert Atkinson, Councilman John Reiss, Councilman David Ruff, Town Administrator Vikki Prettyman

Absent: Earl Chaffinch, Sr.

Meeting Opened at 7:00pm with the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance.

Minutes from June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012 motion made to accept minutes in written form by Councilman Reiss; seconded by Councilman Ruff, motion accepted.

Police Report – Read & Submitted by Chief Cooke; Chief mentioned that the department was awarded a grant to put a sophisticated camera system for monitoring the park.

BEDCO - submitted by Spuck Bennett; read by Town Administrator, Vikki Prettyman

P&Z – June meeting minutes were not available at the time of this meeting. They are attached with the minutes though.

#### Committee Reports:

- Housing/Code – Code Report Submitted & Attached in the minutes.
- Water report - submitted by Brandon Slater; read by Commissioner Atkinson.
- Streets – No written report submitted. Commissioner is going to be getting bids for the patch work that needs to be completed caused by water leaks. Pole building was started on Friday 7/6/2012; an additional donation in the amount of \$500 from BEDCO will go towards the insulation work to be completed. Dirt donated from the Seaford drainage project from AP Croll to build up in order for the lot to be level and concrete poured. The town is purchasing all the electrical supplies at a discounted price.
- Parks & Cemetery – Report Submitted.
- Police Report – Blades Night Out August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012
- Mayor's Report- Report Submitted.

#### New Business:

- Blades Night Out on August 7<sup>th</sup>, 2012 in Blades Park; motion to donate \$500 to the event by Councilman Atkinson; seconded by Councilman Reiss; motion accepted.
- Workshop:



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- Agenda July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012 at 7pm at Hardin Hall
  - Water Ordinance
  - Annexation
  - Colonial East water cost?
  - Basketball Ordinance
  - Code Vehicle

#### Good of the Community:

- Starr Kulikauski;
  - when is Blades Common developing and cleaning up
  - Rifles that the Police are training on; bought on grant?
  - Flag Ceremony wasn't advertised well
- John Kulikauski;
  - Stated that the grant for the cameras is a good one to watch and monitor activities at the park
- Riverfest is this Thursday the 12<sup>th</sup>
- Old Flagship Restaurant
  - Cathy researched its historical value...but due to the permanent placing in cement the boat has no value anymore...
  - It's not in town limits and any questions regarding its look and condition should be made to Sussex County code and/or realtor on sign
- David stated that the fire company is having its annual car show the 3<sup>rd</sup> week in September. The fire company is still putting on the all you can eat breakfast on the 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month. They are also selling raffle tickets for the building fund; 6 for \$5; seafood raffle, drawing to be held August 25<sup>th</sup>, 2012.
- Michael Caporale asked about the cameras in the park and if the police officers were taking their vehicles home and why.
- Councilman Reiss requested an executive session at 7:47pm, motion by Councilman Ruff; seconded by Councilman Joseph; motion accepted; meeting paused.

Meeting resumed at 8:12pm; adding trash service to the workshop agenda.



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Mayor closed the meeting at 8:12pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Vikki Prettyman  
Town Administrator